

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

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SHIP BUILDING HUBS  
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**Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to set up two ship building hubs;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the plans prepared by the Hindustan Shipyard, Visakhapatnam and the Cochin Shipyard in this regard;
- (d) the steps taken by the Port Trust of India to expand current facilities and to set up green field building facilities at Visakhapatnam and Kochi; and
- (e) the other steps taken by the Government to develop facilities of international level at Ports?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

- (a)&(b) Government is exploring the possibility of setting up two international size Shipyards in the country subject to favourable technical analysis and feasibility study.
- (c) Cochin Shipyard Ltd. and Hindustan Shipyard Ltd., Visakhapatnam have not prepared any plans in this regard.
- (d) Visakhapatnam Port Trust has initiated proposals regarding deepening and widening of inner harbour entrance channel and inner harbour turning circle, which would be beneficial for Hindustan Shipyard Limited in long run. Cochin Port Trust has included the proposal of a Ship Repair Complex in its integrated development plan. The Ship Repair Complex is focused to meet the demands of increasing dry docking on Indian shores.
- (e) Steps have been taken by Government to develop/modernize Major Ports but no proposal has been firmed up to develop international size shipyard facilities at any particular Major Port.